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CONTENT ADDRESS TO INDICATE DATA UNITS
WRITTEN TO A STORAGE SYSTEM PROXIMATE IN
TIME

Examiner: Unassigned
Art Unit: 2157

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The references cited herein are two published Japanese applications with English abstracts that were cited in a corresponding Japanese patent application. Applicant encloses for each of these publications a machine generated translation obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office and a partial translation provided by the Japanese firm handling the corresponding Japanese application.

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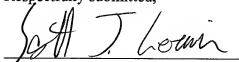
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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